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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of
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International Application
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For: POLYMERS AND PLASTICS WITH LONG-LASTING ODOR AND THE USE THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

3. A process as claimed in claim 1 [or 2], wherein the odorant used comprises pheromones and/or ecomones.

4. A process' as claimed in claim 1 [any of claims 1 to 3], wherein the first plastic is mixed and allowed to swell with the odorant in a closed container.

5. A process as claimed in claim 1 [any of claims 1 to 4], wherein the first polymer material in the form of a powder is mixed with the odorant, allowed to swell, and then further processed with the second plastic in ground, powder or pellet form under high pressure and at about room temperature, and with heating to a temperature which is below the glass transition temperature of the second plastic, or with heating to a temperature which is above the glass transition temperature either of the first polymer material or of the second plastic.

6. A process as claimed in claim 1 [any of claims 1 to 5], wherein the first polymer material used comprises thermoplastics, thermoplastic elastomers, graft rubber, polymers based on renewable raw materials, or polymers or else polymer mixtures based on starch.

8. An odorant polymer or an odorant plastic obtained by the process as claimed in claim

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